IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1617

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FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES EMPLOYING AN AP2 INHIBITOR AND COMBINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 29, 2006, having a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 29, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the Remarks below. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying two-month extension of time which extends the time for reply through February 28, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are represented by the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.